

I CLAIM:

1. A filter having a base wall and at least one side wall made from metal mesh material, the side wall consisting of wall portions forming integral extensions
5 to the base wall, ribs of plastic material moulded against the mesh material connect edges of adjacent said side wall portions to one another.
2. The filter of claim 1 wherein the side wall
10 extends upwardly at an inclined angle relative to the base wall.
3. The filter of claim 1 wherein the metal mesh material is made of stainless steel having apertures of
15 about 955 micron.
4. The filter of claim 1 wherein the base wall is circular in shape.
- 20 5. The filter of claim 4 wherein strengthening ribs are moulded to the base wall to encapsulate portions of the mesh material.
6. The filter of claim 5 wherein the strengthening
25 ribs in the base wall merge into the ribs in the side wall.
7. The filter of claim 6 wherein the strengthening ribs extend diametrically across the base wall.
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8. The filter of claim 1 including a rim extending around an upper edge of the filter.
9. The filter of claim 8 wherein the rim consists
35 of a lip with a downwardly extending skirt with the lower edge of the skirt encapsulating upper free edges of the side wall portions.

10. The filter of claim 9 wherein a flange extends downwardly from a free edge of the lip.
11. The filter of claim 9 wherein the lip has
5 spaced fixing apertures.